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How low will Sae go? Not only is she a copycat and a leech, she's quickly turning everyone against Momo to make herself look good!! Throw the school playboy Kiley into the mix, and Momo's world will never be the same! Will she ever get to be with the boy of her dreams? The backstabbing never ends—with a friend like Sae, Momo has more than her fair share of enemies!

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No!

Stop!

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HEY, PEACH GIRL FANS!
Help me spread the word and tell all your friends about the Peach Girl code:
Always love and accept yourself for who you are!

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"He's just so horny. He obviously told you he liked you so you'd do it with him."

No!

It can't be!

Toji!

.....

MOMO ADACHI
She's been in love with Toji since junior high. Cursed with tanning so easily, everyone thinks she's a party girl just because of her dark skin.

KILEY OKAYASU
A really popular guy at school, who has the hots for Momo. He steals Momo's first kiss.

TOJI TOJIKAMORI
His real name is Kazuya but everyone calls him "Toji." He's Momo's boyfriend and also Sae's friend (at least he thinks he is).

SAE KASHIWAGI
Momo's so-called friend, but does everything in her power to sabotage Momo's happiness.

SAE STANDS IN THE WAY OF MOMO'S TRUE LOVE!!

High school life hasn't been easy for Momo since befriending her gal pal Sae, who has to copy everything Momo does. When she meets Kiley, one of the cutest guys at school, he's not much help either. First, he went around telling everyone he kissed Momo, then he made good on the rumors. With major gossip going around that Momo and Kiley are now an item, Sae digs her claws into Toji, the guy Momo's really in love with. Toji finally confesses his feelings for her, but Sae sabotages their relationship by showing Toji how kissing is really done. If that's not enough, scheming Sae tells Momo that Toji's only into her because she's easy!

Everything you need to know.

リュウ

Toji! ♡

Hey!

La dee da dee da

とととととと…

I said hello!

はぁ!

What's your problem?!

And where's Momo?

Toji, wait up!

What's wrong?

Sae, what kind of person are you?

Hey, Toji.

Look, Momo's bag. She forgot it.

……?!

Hey, Momo!

There she is.

??

Is he bummed or something?

I just saw Toji running away.

sniff

sniff

sob

Huh?

……

*He really hates me now.

Look out!

ゴオ

It's no good.

.....

What do you mean?

You broke up?

I tried... but I can't.

Now she hates me for sure.

Momo, the light was red. You okay?

Yeah.

I'm sorry.

Phew!

ガシャン

But in the exact place he was kissing Sae this morning?!

I know I was.

I don't get you. Most people would be stoked to be kissed by someone they like.

I don't want to be like Sae...

...in any way!

I am not stoked!

How could Toji do that to me?

Forgetting my feelings...

Grabbing my arm...

He was...

...almost as bad as Kiley the pervert!

What? It was bad?

Um, I guess...

I'm sorry. Are you all right?

You need to watch where you're going!

.....

Yeah, but you've already crashed into three cars, the dump truck and two bikes.

Plus slamming into four poles.

I said I'm fine!

That's it. I'm walking you home.

...getting kissed by Toji?

Was it that bad...

.....

The important thing isn't how he feels, it's how *you* feel.

And if he runs away, then he's a dog, so forget him.

Look, all guys want some action from girls.

If you're not ready for that, just tell him.

Am I right?

But you still got the power to decide what kind of relationship you want.

was like he was somebody else, not...Toji.

.....

I thought he saw the real me.

That's why she's so tanned.

She's on the swim team.

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I thought he understood me.

He just assumed I'm that kind of girl.

I guess he's just like everyone else, never seeing past my looks...

He likes your looks. You like him, right?

Yeah? So what's the big deal?

ザキャッ

Well, just a little bit.

Maybe I should rethink how I see him.

"He likes your looks. You like him, right?"

.....

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"The important thing isn't how he feels, it's how you feel."

ちゃぷん

I wonder if he just said that to comfort me or if he really meant it.

Of course I let him walk me home and he turned back into the little weasel he always is

...even pervs can have moments of wisdom

It's amazing.

Hey, look at me... I'm a pervert!

Dog Barking

ちゃぷん

Why doesn't the owner take him for a walk?

Stupid neighbor's dog.

.....

ちゃぷん

But now that I think about it, Kiley does get me out of trouble a lot.

He helped me this morning and he listens to me gripe.

Plus, if Kiley wasn't around, I'd have no one to punch when I'm mad!

Is that all I am? A punching bag?

ちゃぷん

But simple curiosity is as far as it goes with Kiley.

I can't forget what I am to him

...it's not like he's hideous.

I admit that I am a little curious about what goes on in that cute head

I mean

Darn forgot my underwear

Oh well, can change upstairs

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What the he-?

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うきゃ

うきゃ

うきゃ

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Blushing slightly

Toji?!

Crazy dog! What's he barking at?

わんわん

わんわん

わんわん

……

Oh!

He saw me

見られた

絶対見られた

What is Toji doing in front of my house?!

But why?!

ナナ…

……

You seem happier with him than you do with me.

. when I saw you talking to Kiley, I got kind of upset.

It's just...

Sorry?

So I...

I thought you were supposed to be my girlfriend

I'm sorry, Momo.

You came all this way just to tell me that?

Oh Toji.

So...

...um, why are you here?

気まず

.....

very awkward moment

I thought I'd stop by

...so I..

I, uh... I happened to be in the area...

That means he hasn't been home

.....

I just wanted to say..

...sorry about today.

Look at him...

He's still in his school clothes.

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As long as it's him.

But even if he didn't

...as long as it's him

Did you say something?

How terribly sweet!!

How awful.

I was afraid you wouldn't hear me out, but you did.

Better?

Well, now I feel better.

That's okay. I'm cool.

I'll walk with you a bit if you want.

What am I saying? I'm freaking out.

wanted to thought

?

Sure tomorrow

See you tomorrow

I'll see you.

Okay

He cares about me

He's thinking about me.

I was wrong

Toji isn't just looking to fool around.

Hey, Sae. Good morning.

But Toji doesn't understand

Was she trying to tell me to...? No, no way!

What's the deal with that condom?

What's wrong?

Are you crying?

Huh?

Sae?

I changed back into school clothes!

I should've worn something better!

Oh, Toji.

Toji, wait!

Well

See you tomorrow

What's important is the way I feel.

Just so you know, you won't be needing this any time soon.

I should give this back to you.

Now that I've told him, he'll understand.

??!!

.....?

Yeah, see you.

I mean, I did it for her. But we wound up fighting over it

……

What?

Momo called me names.

Hf…

Our kiss… She said she hates me.

She saw us yesterday

You're bru sed

How'd that happen?

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Why don't we go outsiae?

What am I going to do?

You're kidding me?!

Momo, wait a minute.

I don't have a m nute. Come nere!

We need to talk!

Guess I'm just clumsy.

You fell down? How do you fall down and bruise your face?

I fell down

Oh, uh, this?

It's nothing

.....

It's noth ng, Toji. Don't worry about it.

?!

Morning.

Same old Sae!

Nothing's changed.

Hey, Toji!

don t want you talking to Sae

What was she telling you? Something about me I bet

Well, not really.

Whatever she says, you can't bel eve a word of it!

.....?!

Seeing each other?

You and Sae aren't seeing each other behind my back, are you?

So I don't want you to listen to her. In fact, don't even look at her!

...none of it is true!

Trust me. I know her. She's going to tell you a lot of stuff about me, but...

Understand?

Momo, what's the big deal?.....

She knows that I kissed Sae.

Sae's just a friend

I'm with you You're my girlfriend

Momo, no

She's.

She's your friend, isn't she?

My friend?

Okay Forget it.

Just thought I'd ask.

But should I blame him? Isn't he just a victim of Sae's lies?

Why would you think something like that?

*She's pissed She's pissed

Purrrrhaps

That little

I wear smiles better than frowns anyway

I guess...

...there's just one last thing I need to ask you.

What a total joke!

Yeah right.

What are you talking about, Sae?

Toji's not as secretive as you.

No way!

!!

I also know that he tried to kiss you yesterday

He wouldn't go to Sae!

He's really a warm, open guy

After you ran away from him, he came to me for advice

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Guys, we're supposed to be cleaning.

Hey, knock it off!

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さっ

Toji was at your house yesterday, wasn't he?

Everything. I'm the one who told him to go.

What do you know about it?

?!

Momo, sweetie, why wouldn't you let Toji kiss you?

…

You should get over it and try 'em.

His lips are a lot softer than you'd think

!

!!

Ahhhhh!

I'm trying to clean. You're in the way!

PEACH CLUB

Say cheese!

Thanks for coming back for Volume 2, and thanks for all the nice cards and letters. Of course, a lot of them weren't so nice. Many of you were mad that the first book ended with Sae having the upper hand. Sorry about that! You might feel the same way about this volume, but stick with Momo. She just may win in the end! --Miwa

I told him to go to you.

I like to see him work his issues out...

...as long as he does what I tell him.

If I stop trusting Toji, I'm playing right into her hands.

No, don't listen.

It's a trap.

I can't help but think that.

But I can't resist...

Why did he have to tell Sae yesterday?

But...

To...

Here. Lean against me.

ざわ

It might be sprained

Let's get you to the nurse's office

ざわ

Can you walk?

Are you all right, Sae?

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That tramp made me look like the bad guy!

I don't believe it.

Sae!

I I guess.

Oh, it hurts

Are you okay?

What's wrong with you, Momo?

She got me I let my guard down for one second.

She's faking! I hardly touched her!

Oh no!

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??!!

?!

トトン

The foot that's supposed to be sprained!

That...

Help! Help!

I want to talk to you!

Wait up!

Sae!

...evil little bitch!

What?

Hey, Sae.

About that bruise on your cheek..

"I don't want you talking to Sae"

.....

Heh heh.

Nothing. Forget it.

.....

I have my own ideas, you know!

Yes you are!

I'm not like that!

Yes! All the time!

What does that mean? I only want what you want?

Momo? What's wrong with you?

You're hurting me.

Everything about you is a lie, you two-face!

Your big show falling down in front of Toji!

Stop this! Right now!

Don't believe her! She'll do anything to get her way!

Don't take her side, Toji!

Momo, let her go!

You just want him because I do!

You know you don't even like Toji!

Just cut it out, Sae! Back off for one minute!

...I'm shocked. You think I'm that terrible?

Momo...

Toji ?

Stop talking like that.

You don't know how manipulative she really is.

Please don't back her up, Toji

Cut her some slack. No one's that bad.

...she did it on purpose?

She gets hurt and you assume..

All Sae ever sa about yo are goo things.

She's a good friend to you.

You shou dn t be that hard on your fr ends

You're mad because you saw me kissing Sae, right?

Well, stop. If you want to blame someone, blame me.

You...

You're putting this all on Sae Look, t was just a misunderstanding

Toji, why are you protecting her?

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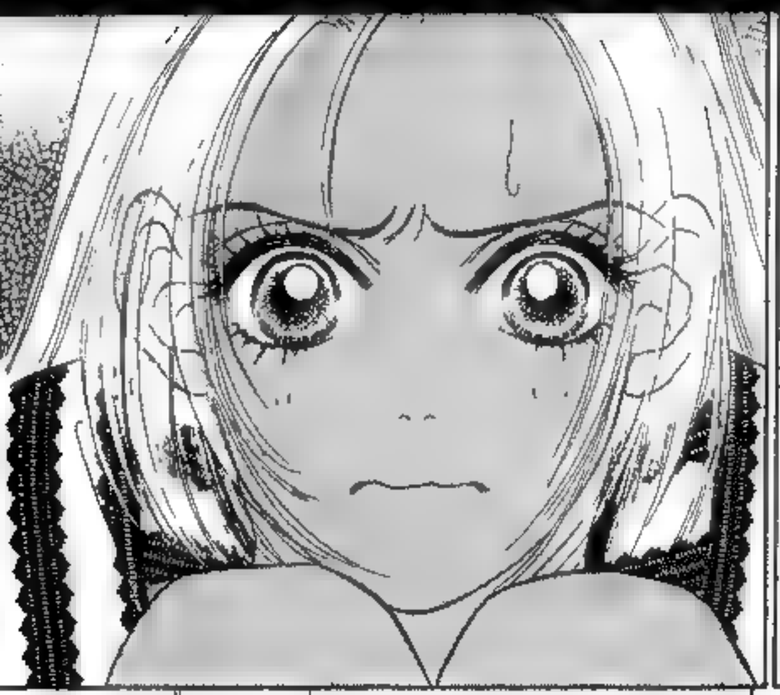

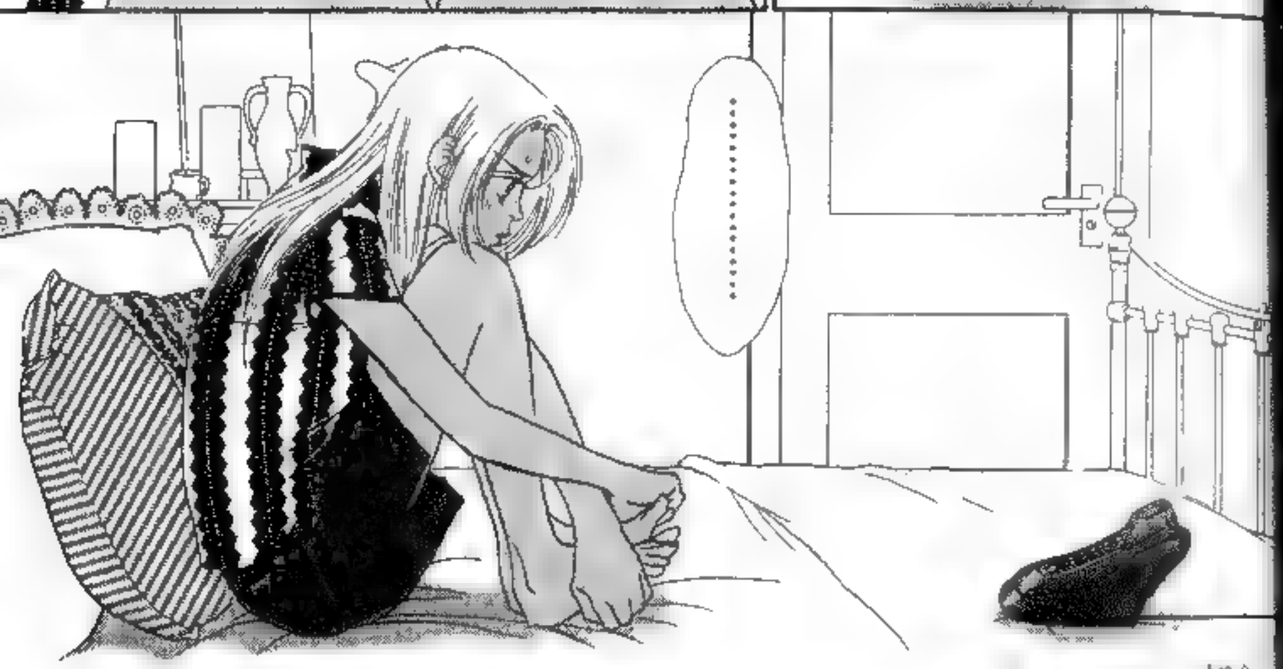

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Reader Questions Answered!

Q: I'm confused about Toji's real name. Is it Tojimori? Or Tojigamori?

A: Actually, it's neither. The correct pronunciation of his last name is "Tojikamori." Both unusual and a mouthful! That's partly why everyone just calls him "Toji."

She lies!

I tried to tell you! She totally lies!

Why do you believe what Sae tells you?

Toji, you moron!

You dumb, dumb

You dumb, dumb

You dumb...

When I tell you something, why don't you believe me?!

"I don't want you talking to her."

"I'm trying to clean You're in the way!"

"Leave him alone! Hear me?"

blockhead!

All she's ever said about you are good things."

"You shouldn't be that hard on your friends."

"You've got her all wrong."

Do we have any stomach medicine?

Urgh. Mom!

t's the only way I c get him t understan

Hello? Yes, this is his mother.

Who?

I told you about that junk food Toj

RRRR

Hold on, I've got someth ng right here

Momo Adachi.

...a gir

ts

Gae cuts me own and Toj just thinks I'm some spoiled child.

I. just.. can't stand it!

そんなのやだ

Was I born under a dark cloud or something?

Anyway, look at it, I just can't believe this is happening.

That's it. I'm going to tel. him everything, every piece of information I know about Sae

I can see why you're mad. You have a right to be.

If I were you, I'd be mad too.

You don't understand It may sound like I'm just bad-mouthing her,

but hear me through

Look, I'm sorry about kissing her, okay?

!

I'm just not the mood t listen to y trash ta Sae right now

I just want you to know that I wasn't trying to do anything beh nd your back

No, Toji. Wait!

It's all right. I understand Talk to you later

But the thing I wanted you to understand s .

Well, that's not rea y true, I'm a little mad

No T please Listen m not mad abou the k ss

...but I need to free him rom Sae's ainwashing!

I don't want to bother him...

s he in a bad mood?

Uh oh.

Hello?

Understand what I'm saying? Sae always does stuff like that.

...she went back for the bag she told me not to buy

And so then...

.....

Momo, please

But then she found out..

And guys are just like the bag. She wants whoever I want.

So when she asked me who I likea, I didn't tell her.

Just don't scream at me after that I didn't wake you up

All right fine I've there I've got to go to work

You're going to be late for schoc

Hmm what are you doing? Sure

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*depressed

Okay all present except Momo and Toji

Let's get down to work

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Or can't you?

I can't let this happen. I've got to be at school before Sae gets the better of me

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I can't be late. That's the second time I've overslept.

Too late.

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!

He's in the hospital with appendicitis

I got word from Toji's parents this morning that he won't be coming.

If anyone's planning on seeing him, I'd appreciate it if you took him your notes so he can study.

No way

Is this for real?

"Charity begins at home"

He devoted his entire fortune to cha.

What's this?

A note.

Here

Read it and pass it on.

Where is he?

Wonder why he's not here.

Hmm.

Did he catch a cold or something?

I'll give him a call when I get home

But remember yesterday?

Remember this is going to be on the test.

Uh oh.

They're still staring Got to act normal

You people never saw someone come late before?

Something's fishy

What's goin on?

Let's not all talk at once as I walk in the room.

Oh.

Absent
Momo
Toji

Cleaning Duty
Taneka
Haruki

You're so easy

There she is.

Grrrr!

?!

I told you

Yeah.
It hit me just before dinner.
t hurt so bad.
So when d d the pain start? You looked al right yesterday
...asked Momo to come but...
Well... I...
Are you here by yourself?
Oh, Sae.
I just stick these in some water
No problem. It's cool.
Well, was just wondering
never mind.
Well, maybe I shouldn't ask it right now You just had an operation and all.
No, go ahead.
What?
I guess
Hey To can I ask you something?
Now what did I do?
Come in.
Mr. Yamad
Mr Frank
Mr. Tojika
Sae.
What is all this?
Wha-?
Hey, Toji!
Everyone says hi Oh yeah, these are today's notes from class.
Thanks
I'm fine
Did they operate? Are you okay?
We were all real sad to hear you were in the hospital.

But I was really hurting and I couldn't talk long.

I think I probably cut her off. I wanted to apologize.

Momo called me yesterday.

A message

Do you think you could tell her for me?

Tell Momo I'm sorry

Leave everything to me

Sure, Toj

Were you nervous when they, you know, shaved you?

Leaving so soon?

Well, got to go now. See you.

Shouldn't have asked

Sorry, sorry

Sae!

And hurry back to school. You don't want to upset Momo.

Sae, could you deliver a message?

Now if there's nothing else you need.

"I'm not in the mood to listen to you trash talk Sae right now"

But we haven't talked since then, and now I'm calling him again. He might think I'm being too pushy

I won't talk about Sae. I just want to know why he's not in school

Should I? Why not?

..my blue bruise blues.

Had the blues...

Then I had a bruise

..but now...

...it's time to lose..

In top of everything else, she's a litterbug

Absent
Toji

I knew I should have called him

Absent two days in a row. That sounds serious

Good morning.

You're late.

What are you guys doing?

Me next. There's room

You're taking up too much space

That pen's a good color. Can I use it?

Hurry up. I'm next.

Yeah, don't want to be late!

Who, us? Uh, nothing! Oops, time to go.

For what?

I'm sorry, Toji.

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It's because of me that you two aren't getting along

Then maybe she'd come see you

. with you anymore.

Maybe shou dn't be fr ends

Hey! I brought you a get-well card Everyone signed it.

Ouch.

Now t only hurts when laugh

Cool! That idiot, Inoue Ha ha!

I don't see her name anywhere

Hurry back! FIGHT!

GET WELL SOON -- MAYU

Be strong!

Better get better You still owe me money -- Ken

Poor this mean now you'll stop farting? -- Inoue

What about Momo?

Wait! Sae

Sae!

Goodbye. Toji It's for the best.

I asked her again to come with me but. .

What does that mean?!

Oh, nothing.

Hen heh I see.

Don't know, but the name "Sae" comes to mind.

くり

So who do you think did it?

He hasn't been to school for three days

He's got a cold or something.

Don't you two hang out at lunch?

Speaking of how's he doin'?

Yeah Toji's a straight shooter

You're just like Toji. He thinks she's my friend and I should trust her. It makes me so mad

You should try calling his parents' work.

I did. They're away on business.

That's weird.

I asked his friends if they knew anything but they said no

Maybe he went to visit relatives or something with his family

A grandparent could be sick

But it's strange. When I ca his house, nobody's there

Yo, Momo!

Hey, it's Momo!

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...my chocolate bread!

I love, love, love...

What does it look like?

キュッ キュッ

Hey, Momo, what are you doing?

?

I know something's up

People have been gossiping behind my back all day

would never write something so obscene!

Whoa! That is dirty!

♡

They're my shoes! I'm crossing out this crap that someone else wrote.

It looks like you're writing on the back of those shoes with a marker

ドン ドン

Oof! Oh
Aahnh

ガッ

But when I turn around, no one says anything

It's like everyone's talking about me behind my back.

And the way the rest of the class treats me is also weird

You see? High school is rough

Well, I wouldn't say picking on me.

When people pick on you they at least acknowledge you

That sucks! People are picking on you?!

!

Yeah right. Then I'd never be able to get rid of you.

The bell!

The bell!

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Maybe during the next break you can come visit me. I've always got time for Momo!

Gosh, I really don't want to go back to class.

Yeah, better

How's that? All right?

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Okay.

No matter what a little pervert you are, I wouldn't try to hurt you

Do sa tha

A lot better!

Come on Try to stand up

At east I were dead i would nurt s dad

But you're so soft.

All r ght You can let go now

What if someone sees us? The rumors wou d start all over again

Get off, Kiley!

Just give me one more sec

Let go of me you damn perv.

ちゅ…!?

Really? It felt like you tried to push me down the stairs.

I'm sorry. The ink on my shoes made me slip!

Momo, if you're trying to kill me, can't you find an easier way?

Are you all right?!

Kiley?

Kiley?

Kiley!

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Omigod! No way!

Toji!

ボスッ

Uh oh.

Don't just stand there Take a seat.

What are you ta king about? No prob em

What's wrong?

Sae?

I just...

I don't understand her! How cou d she do tn s?

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I know I promised I wouldn't come anymore, but ..

I'm sorry

It's you, Sae

Oh.

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She's trash. She goes after other girls' boyfr.enas.

You can't Not Momo

What f I do?

Come on, Kiley You aon't rea.y I ke ner

Sae's guy? What guy?

What best friend? Who?

Sae Kash wagi

Toji. Who else?

Can you believe it?!

That ittle s.t uses a l k nas of tricks Sne even seduced her best friend's guy

No way. Rea ly?

Do what?

Momo and Kiley?!

They were kissing in the hallway!

After everyone saw you groping m that lie abou us kiss ng wil never go away

Tomorrow it'll be the talk of the school

Momo

You dont understand. Toji's n the hospita for appena citis

Who told you this?

Of course

And that guy is Toji?

Hold on just a second. You're saying that Momo used all these evil tricks to seduce Sae's boyfriend.

Everyone knows.

A girl!

You've caused me enough stress.

No kidd ng. Stay away from me.

Momo! We've got trouble! There are tons of rumors!

Hey, Momo!

!!

I don't understand her

I don't know. This is too much

I'm so sorry. I don't know how she could do this to you

And while you're in the hospital

Momo?

And Kiley?

But I figured I should tell you before you hear it from someone else

I'm sorry

I hate bringing you down while you're still recovering

It can't be true.

Momo?

And Kiley?

Ack!

Momo? Calm down! It's me Momo

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どう

That little lying whore!

Toji has appendicitis.

The homeroom teacher told the class three days ago

So Sae passed around a note in class.

Poor Toji is in the hospital

That was the day I was late.

Three days ago?

Please, let my Toji heal in peace

I don't need her going down there and getting him all excited while he's trying to recover.

Everyone, please, don't let Momo know that Toji's in the hospital.

That no-good, evil—

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ぶるぶる

You see?

Hi what that noise Momo

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Momo please

You're going too fast!

Shut up

Anymore lip out of you and I'll yank your tongue out!

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Ahhhhh!

Slow down!

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My poor lip bone!

Oww!

This is war! That little tramp has turned the whole class against me

Toji's in the hospital and I'm the only one who doesn't know!

PEACH CLUB

More Reader Questions!

Q: Is *Peach Girl* based on the true life experiences of author Miwa Ueda?

A: No, it's certainly not an honest account of my high school days! Although back then, there was a girl similar to Sae. But I never had all the romantic problems that poor Momo encounters. I said before that Momo was the closest thing to a humorous self-portrait that I'd ever done. So many of you started believing I had the same kind of character and style. Sorry to disappoint you, but I'm actually pretty different. Okay, bye! —Miwa

This time you're not getting away w'th it.

Just you wa Sae

Aaaahhhh!!!!

The more I think about it, the madder I get. The look on her face when she saw us in the hallway. .

I have a pretty good idea what Sae's already told him.

And this is your fault too! When we get there, you're going to explain it to Toji, understand?

This isn't fair This is my bike!

Come on, Momo! You can trust me!

It's the only way I can trust you not to touch what you're not supposed to.

Okay! I'll fix it. But why did you have to tie me up?

I just can't forgive her. I don't want to be her friend anymore.

It's just me, but I rea , don't ke peop e who pla, games

I'm not trying to say you have to break up with her.

Or I'm sorry To

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I thought it was strange when you first told me.

I was wondering why Momo needed to keep your relationship a secret.

Now I guess we know.

She wanted to keep Ki.ey on tne sidel.nes

...but I never knew Momo was l.ke that.

Momo's a friend and I don't want to bad-mouth her...

What wrong w th this

Is the conductor asleep or what?!

stupid train?

We were never friends. Sae just latched onto me

We didn't become friends

She latched onto you?

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We hung out a lot

Well

At first I believed we were friends.

But then just before school started, I got the measles and was absent my first week

A whole week?

I didn't have one so the the one thing I was happy about was being in the same class as Toji.

Not that I ever had the nerve to talk to him

..everyone had their own little clique.

By the time I got registered

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Stop telling me crap I already know.

I know you're pissed, but pacing back and forth isn't going to get us there any faster

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Momo, please! Can't we at least sit?!

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It kills me that at this very moment Sae and Toji are alone—with Toji in bed!

How can I relax?!

Open wide!

How did you and Sae become friends in the first place?

You know, I've been wondering..

Shut up about the eraser!

I did like it though

Let it go, honey

It's an eraser

You just made me remember! She still hasn't given back that eraser!

Wait!

Bummer Your fate was sealed from the day you took the entrance exam

I wonder if

If I could just hear him say he still likes me

Sae might have already brainwashed him

To him I might not even be the same Toji anymore

Of course, it's Sae who told me that, so I don't know how much of it was ever true

Some even thought I missed the first week because I was having a baby

And then there were all those people who assumed I was a party girl because of my dark tan

Then...

"Momo? Are you busy?"

...and lonely.

I was so hurt...

Why didn't she have other friends? There was something about her.

I should have known from the start.

"You lent me your eraser when we took the entrance exam"

"I don't know if you remember me I'm Sae"

I like your hair pin

I was so happy to finally find a friend

Just once, if he said it...

Don't worry. I'll clean it up.

Here. Wipe yourself off.

Oh Toji, are you all right?

I guess it slipped

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You don't understand. She's not my...

Um, what?

You're lucky to have such a nice girlfriend.

S- Sure. I'm fine

Sae? Are you all right?

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I hate to admit it, but right now you're my only friend

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I'm your bud. Lean on my shoulder!

It's okay, Momo.

Quit it!

You're embarrassing me

I shouldn't have said anything.

On Momo that's so sweet

Will you stop that?

You know, Toji, you're going to have to change out of that anyway. Why don't I just wash it for you?

No, that's cool.

Admissions

Mr. Tojikamori. He's in room 406.

The elevator is to your right.

If I hadn't found out from you...

..I wouldn't be able to see him until he checked out

So it's true

Scary! Old Toji's in a real hospital.

Thank you, Kiley.

For what?

Telling me about Toji.

No, those aren't. Those are my clothes.

Those are clean pajamas under that pillow, right?

Come on don't be a baby

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Oops!

Did I get you where they operated?

Is all right

I'm sorry.

Oh Toji!

Uh, sort of.

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What kind of person are you?!

Cool

You are no challenge!

A a a h h h!!

Don't you think Sae's timing is pretty convenient?!

The exact moment I walked in?

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That liar!

Before you go on again about her, what about you...

It's obvious She s pped on purpose Just at the right moment

...and him?! What s he doing here?

Just having some tea It was free

Me? Who? What?

I'm looking out for Momo's interests. Call me her lawyer.

You pathetic backstabber!!

That's all that happened

Listen, I spilled some tea and Sae tripped while trying to help me clean it up

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Toji!

I fell and Momo was helping me up.

Yet another misunderstanding.

Now about the matter of Momo and I kissing in the hallway

Aye, aye, ma'am

Kiley!

You two took advantage of Toji's illness to make out while he was away!

Lies!

Lies

Good. Now we can hear ourselves talk.

Hey! Let go of me! What are you doing?

Where are you taking me?

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I mean, when you think about it, we're all in an unusual position.

You're my top associate!

My client is concerned that certain accounts may be misrepresented

We've all heard Sae's version of the events.

I just found out you were here.

I'm sorry. I didn't come sooner, Toji.

Some hellos are in order.

First, it's been a while since Toji and Momo have seen each other

She didn't know about Toji until today.

My client speaks the truth.

You lying—

Sae!

Ha! That's a good one!

Hold on!

Maybe you picked him up when he fell, but you don't really think it was an accident?!

Could it be because you like him too?

Lead him on?!

If there was a misunderstanding you wanted to clear up, you could've come here alone

You didn't have to bring him!

Sae's always falling into your arms!

That's what I'm supposed to be saying to you

That's because she's a nice girl. You've got her so wrong.

You take Sae's word over mine all the time.

Oh yeah? Would you have listened to me if I came here by myself? Would you have believed me?

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*Everyone's watching

Let me go! Take your hands off me! You freak!

You and Kiley seem to be getting along.

So where was?

Is that who you talk to when I'm not around?

Well, I...

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You know he likes you. Why do you lead him on when you know he likes you?

When I bump into him, yeah, we chat.

Maybe just a little. Not much

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Momo! What are you doing?!

There's nothing in it for her?!

So Sae has nothing to gain by lying?!

No, you got her so wrong!

How come you don't listen to me, but whatever Sae says...

...is the holy truth!

What the hell does she gain by tricking me?!

Why would she lie? What's in it for her?

So that's it?

You just won't believe me? No matter what?

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I want you to open your ears and hear what I'm saying!

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...like that t.me when we first had tea together.

You're on the fourth floor! You could get hurt!

Young lady, please!

I'm already hurt!

Then I'll be here to talk to Toji whether he wants to listen to me or not!

This is a hospital! If I break a leg, the doctors can fix it!

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Sae's got someth ng huge to ga.n! You!!

You are so wrong, Toji!

My life sucks!

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I don't care!

Get down! It's dangerous!

You're the most important thing to me!

No matter what I do, you won't believe me!

Say you'll listen to all I have to say about Sae.

Just say you'll hear me out.

Promise me, Toji

That's enough Get away from that window

I'll listen Now get down.

Okay. I promise

I'll listen to the end.

Yes Momo, please!

From start to finish.

To ever-t-ng!

Sure, Momo, just..

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She's my sweetie.

I do what she tells me.

If you pull me away from Toji, you're just going to lose her

What's wrong with you? You like Momo, don't you?

Will you let go?! Where are you taking me?

Huh?

See there. You've got a perfect view of Toji's room

All right, we're here.

Momo! What the hell are you doing?!?!

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Huh?

Aaaaaahhhh!
Momo!

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Look out!

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Aaaaahhhhh!

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I want Toji.

You want Momo.

Not like that mean we both have the same goal right?

Don't you think our chances are better if we work together?

Uh, I guess.

It was only a plant, fraidy cat.

Yeah, I guess they will. All right, Momo!

Yay Momo!

Can I point out something? If things continue like this, Toji and Momo are going to get back together.

If that wind had only been a little stronger

Huh?

Listen, Romeo! Why don't we team up?

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Same to you, beautiful

I said something amazing, if I do say so myself.

A long way down

One wrong move, and I could've been in real trouble

That potted plant could've been me

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Foolish and yet...

I didn't mean to scare you all.

Sorry, everyone

Wish I had a rock to crawl under.

Ditto.

Pretty good show

In the end it all worked out

That's all right.

Very refreshing breeze ♡

PEACH CLUB

Still More Reader Questions!

Q: I'm confused. Who does Sae really like?
A: The person Sae likes the most is Sae. She hasn't found a guy yet who she's in love with, that's why she's trying so hard to copy Momo.

Q: What made you create such a rotten apple as Sae?
A: I like that expression "rotten apple." The thing is, I've known people like Sae: girls who try to sabotage other people's happiness. You may not want to spend too much time with her, but you might as well be aware that these types actually exist! Miwa

I was concerned only about myself I forgot about your stitches

I'm sorry, Toji. It's my fault.

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You can be pretty silly sometimes, you know that? Now, it hurts when I laugh

Me? If I hadn't done that, you'd never have agreed to listen to me.

I mean, threatening to jump out a window? Talk about stubborn

Toji saved me..

It worked out okay.

Such masculine hands.

...with his strong arms.

He wrapped them around me and carried me to safety.

Oh! My gut!

Toji!

Your stitching could have opened or something. I better call a nurse.

I'll be all right. Just let me lie down.

I think moved too quickly

Are you okay?

Does it hurt?

You've got a point!

But meanwhile back on the roof

..Kiley is taking in all of Sae's schemes.

What do you think?

It's not a bad idea

I never thought of it before, but you're completely right

We should have been on the same team from the start.

We can both be on the same side!

Don't you think? ♡

Am I right?

Let's hear all about you and Sae.

All right. I'm ready to listen.

After all this time!

Finally!

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Finally! It's finally happened!

At last I can get rid of Sae's trashing.

A feta what?

Pernaps a fat accompli.

"Huh?"

"Toji Wake up."

"Sae?"

"What are you doing here so late?"

After everyone else has gone home

It could play out something like this. Our setting is Toji's hospital room.

Fait accompli. Something that's too late to change because it's already happened.

Let's roll

Isn't it obvious? We've got to stop them from getting back together.

Okay, so now that we're paired up, what, uh, do we do?

What can I say? It's true.

You're a smart girl. Very in-Sae-ightful.

We just need to find that final deal breaker.

They'll break up with just a little more mind-control

Toji only needs one more push and he'll dump Momo for good.

It's like...

Let's see...

Well...

Whoa A "deal breaker" Cool What's a "deal breaker?"

The condition Toji's in, he couldn't get away from me if he wanted to

You get what I'm saying?

Momo was so close to seeing me and Toji kiss just earlier

I'd take advantage of the situation to stimulate some interest.

"Make" is a bad word

You mean, like, because he's bedridden, you'd get on top and make him—

What's my role, Sae? What do you want me to do?

You bring Momo and keep her out of the way until the right time.

He's totally dead!

Toji's a goner!

This is too much! What an attack! What a sexy attack!

. hope not totally

"I'm so in love with you I can't stand it I have to do something about it Right now"

"Sae?!"

"I love you, Toji"

What's this?

"Shhh. Keep your voice down and no one will hear."

"Sae, this isn't the place. You have to go. We're in a hospital."

"No, Sae.. you can't Sae."

Oh, Sae!

"On Toji."

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Heh heh heh!

Hee hee hee hee hee!

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Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!

Ho ho ho ho ho ho!

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You're a serious little sneak aren't you?

Good boy You're pretty smart yourself

.I escort her in and.. bingo!

When I give you the signal...

Then he and Momo will break up..

..and she'll be yours for the taking

Toji's the responsible type

If I start crying and make him feel like it's his fault, he won't be able to push me away.

It'll be real easy for you to move in and comfort her when her heart's broken

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Huh?
Hold on a second
Sorry
I don't know where to begin.
There's so much I want to tell him.
We um
Okay uh
Okay Let's see First off
Well, let's start where I left off on the phone.
Before you te me all this there's one thing I want to get straight
Well...
What do you want to know?
Snoot. I want to hurry up and tell him all about Sae.
After that, I'll listen from beginning to end.
One thing?
What could it be?
..from that naughty mouth
It's amazing how you can keep spewing these underhanded plans
Ret go, ret go! You're hurring me
Ouch!
You want me to be your partner in crime?
Well, I'm not doing it.

How do you feel about him?

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about you and K ey

That's why need you to hear me out!

Toji, listen. The reason you think that way is because you've been listening to Sae!

It's not Sae

When I see the two of you together, you look happier than when you're with me I can tell.

What do you mean?

Even before we got togetner I had th s feeling .

Sure, she noticed it. But it's something I saw way before Sae pointed it out

This v be that someday you're dest ned to fal for him instead of me

It's some stuff you told me and some I just saw. But I'm sure he'll take you away.

..I got this bad feeling

That time I saw you helping him by the pool...

Toji, no.

He's an idiot and a pervert and not my type.

Trust me. I'll never go for that guy.

Yeah, I know

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Don't even think stup d thoughts like that

No, Momo I d.dn't say that.

Meaning what? I'm also a moron?

what's happen ng inside my heart?

Can' yo. underst.nd

PEACH CLUB

Do you know someone ike Sae? Do you have a Sae in your life? Send in a etter or illustrat.on and tell me about her We just m ght include a sect on on a l tne Saes in the world in tne next ed tion

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But when you're with h m, you seem so natural, so re axed

You seem so al ve.

And I think tnat, personality-wise, you're more compatible w th him than you are w tn me

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You're the only one who gives me butterfl.es.

When Kiley put his arms around me..

...he told me he liked me

But my heart didn't respond.

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It only responds to you

It's been that way since junior high.

The tide's turned You'll just have to wait it out.

That's the way it goes It's only a matter of time before Momo unlocks your mind control

Why do I have to give up?

People are free to like who they want.

So you're giving up on her?

Man...

..this sucks

Me too.

These old men drive me nuts.

How nice to spend some quiet time with Toji after so many difficult days

Hee hee!

You just want him because Momo wants him

True

But you don't really like him, do you?

to pull back from the guy who's got your girl

Isn't that a contradiction? You're forcing me

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I did plant that kiss on Momo without even asking.

...should take my own advice.

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That always works

Of course, I paid for that. Got kicked in a very sensitive spot.

It was fake. At first anyway. But I kind of took advantage of it.

Well, yeah.

Your "kiss" was mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and the Momo that "kissed" you turned out to be some guy

I thought that rumor was fake

So you really kissed Momo.

I see

Yeah. That was cool.

I've figured you out

You're a copycat.

Music to my ears

And you're a creep! I hate you.

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I've seen what happens to guys you don't hate ♡

I saw him first! You hear me?! I was first!

Whatever you say Do what you want

You're clueless! I liked Toji way before Momo even knew him!

I'm not going to give up!

If you're going to stay in the game, play by the rules

But don't use underhanded tricks to get him.

Ha ha ha ha ha!!

Who changed the meeting place to the cafeteria?!

That means she lied!

I never told her anything like that! You think with the way I feel about Sae I'd trust her to deliver a message to you?!

waited that whole day by the pool!

I got it! I got the deal breaker!

Thanks, Kiley. See ya.

See ya, evil girl.

Where are you going?

Too late. She's already gone

Wait, Sae.

Don't listen to her, Toji! Don't be fooled by her!

But Sae wouldn't play so dirty.

Yeah, I hear you.

It's no good.

That's what I've been trying to tell you! Sae's been trying to take you away from me!

But why would Sae do something like that?

It's like I've been telling you, she's a brilliant liar.

It's going to take some time to break him from Sae's spell.

Even though he's quick to judge

Toji's slow to see his own mistakes

Hmm, just a little while ago, Sae was.

Nah it couldn't be

She also has this thing about copying!

Even though you kissed him?

Don't worry Toji I told you, there's nothing between me and Kiley.

What about Kiley?

You did kiss him, didn't you?

You kissed Kiley

You don't even need to answer already have proof

The real liar isn't me! It's her!

How dare you call me a liar! When you're

...an ultra liar!

What do you think you're doing barging in here like that?!

You are the liar! You haven't told the truth about you and Kiley

You're calling me a liar?. That's a good one!

A what?

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She got me again.

Momo?

Momo?

No, Momo, don't tell. You don't have to.

How about it?

I'm sorry, Momo! I let it slip that—

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Oh, guess I'm a little late

Uh..

No, Toji, you don't understand

It was more like—

I asked her, not you!

We'll, I.

You...

Is it true, Momo?

kissed him?

It happened before we got together

I didn't think I needed to tell you

I'm sorry Toji But I didn't lie to you

By the time I realized he was doing it, he kissed me already

When it happened, there was no time to stop it.

Meaning what? Anything goes as long as it's before... hooked up

No...

I guess I was right You like Kiley

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But when I tried to kiss you, you wouldn't let me

How could you say there's nothing between you two?

That means

Why are you pointing fingers?!

You k ssed Sae! I haven t said anything about that.

No, I don't!

I already told you... I like you.

Maybe you don't know.

But don't talk like .'m the ho and you're all innocent!

Be jealous if you want.

Oh yean? What have you two been doing while I've been holed up here?

That's crazy!

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Maybe when he k.ssed you, you fell in love without realizing it.

Jh hey! simmer down, you guys!

Jh oh Momos losing it She s gone ballistic

She s gonna explode!

You blockhead, Toji! How can you talk like that?!

Laughing at me?

You..

As long as we're asking questions, I'd I ke to know why you d.d that?! How come you kissed Sae?!

You can't figure .t out? You d'd t on the same day and in the same place where you kissed Sae!

You don't know why I wouldn t let you k ss me?

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So I volunteered to show him how. Right, Toji?

Toji told me he'd never kissed a girl before

What?!

Toji?

Say it's not true.

You've got to be kidding

You actually ..kissed that thing..

...to prepare for kissing me?!

You saw it?

You can't deny it!

It was a kiss. I saw it!

...really a kiss.

Well, that wasn't ...

It looked like a kiss, but it really wasn't.

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For when he kisses you, Momo ♡

It was a practice kiss

What's that supposed to mean? It was but it wasn't?

..and you listened to her?

Sae told you to do t for me...

Our...

. kiss.

But I never dreamed she did it by ca ing it

I thought Sae had lured Toji away

Are you a complete fool?!

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I thought you had common sense.

I misjudged you!

On what planet do guys rehearse kissing their girlfriends by practicing with other girls?!

I can't believe you were that big of a moron!

Well, if I'm a moron, you're a liar!

I just don't know anymore

I think it's best if we break up.

I have no idea what you're thinking.

I don't think...

...I can do this.

To be continued in Peach Girl 3

TOP 10 SAE-TANIC ACTS!

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9. Show off ..... 20.
10. Really greedy ..... 17.

THE SAES AROUND THE WORLD!
Now Revealed !!!
Here are the results!!
Thanks to everyone who sent angry letters about people who act like Sae I requested in Volume 1.
I received about 400 letters in three months.
Force others to do her work.
Sticks her nose into things that aren't her business.
Interferes when I try to talk to someone I like.
Among the less popular ones...
Everyone gets annoyed when people copy them. But it seems like people have a hard time telling their friends who do it!
The way you speak, habits, gestures, pencils, erasers, hair-styles, clothes, art etc.
The number one Sae-tanic act was "being copied" as I expected.
Stealing my friends when I've missed school and then getting shafted by my own friends!
It goes on and on.
Rude, mean-spirited, steals people's stuff.
I got seven letters saying that.
There are no Saes around me!
On the other hand...
There's nobody like that around me.
But then I was relieved to hear that Sae is a combination of a lot of people.
Someone with such an awful personality actually exists...?
What?!! Really?!
I thought...
When I read in Volume 1 that there was a model for Sae.

ANGRY THOUGHTS FROM READERS!

If you've known Momo since junior high, then shouldn't you know she's a good girl?!
I can't take it, Toji! Lately you're more annoying than Sae!!
You're pathetic, Toji!!
Stop trying to force Sae to kiss you!!
Why don't you believe Momo?!
It's okay.
If you're going out with Momo then you should stay by her side!!
Believe Momo, not Sae!!!
I've lost respect for you!
Stupid!!!
You should just be with Sae.
At first I liked you, Toji. But not now! I like Kiley better.

I'll be awaiting your thoughts on volume 2.

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Mind your own business!!!!

Sorry, I was just testing to see if he's cheating on you. I did it for you!

When you find out she's calling your boyfriend...

That's her trick!!!!

She needs help with...

She's so cute.

But the stupid guys are fooled and act all sweet around her.

All lies.

That's you!!!!

Toji, guess what Momo does when you're not around? She sells her body and goes all the way with anyone who asks her out.

Then I break things off with her and she gets really mean. She says to my boyfriend...

I heard that girl sells herself.

And thanks to her, my reputation at school was ruined.

Me, her and my best friend Kaiko were all close in junior high.

Momo (actor).

Kiley (actor).

I'm a girl.

VICTIM B

I know someone who acts like Sae.

Sae (actor).

SUPER SAE #2

Let's go.

And now #2.

Scary ...

Who goes that far?

The same thing happened to people who became friends with her after me.

Wow ...

This same exact thing happened to me in junior high.

Twice!

?!?!

I have a crush on Toji.

She would bad-mouth him, yet a week later...

Ewwww!! He's gross!!!

Sae was like...

In high school, I liked a guy who was a year older. He was really nice and cool and we were so close.

Toji (actor).

And then...

I told her to stop, but she never would. Pulling the same stuff over and over again.

She was really annoying when she was around girls, but acted all nice around the boys.

Yes, she had the same multiple personality disorder as Sae.

But Saes definitely exist.

They really do!

These seven people that don't have a Sae around them are very lucky to have such good friends.

You guys are so blessed! Appreciate the true friends you have!!

Is that really true?

When she sees someone happy she wants to make them miserable.

She can't stand when people are happy.

Sae (actor only).

There is a person like this around me.

She is definitely a Sae!

Super Sae #1.

VICTIM A

Now, let me introduce you to someone who's even worse than Sae from *Peach Girl*. Let's call her Super Sae!

Although she's always insulting the guys behind their back and stealing...

...she's truly...

...evil!!!

I just can't relax unless there's $400 in my wallet.

She acts like she needs help and turns into a damsel in distress.

She sets her sights on a guy.

She goes over to his house.

I need to talk.

She calls my boyfriend.

Even though she's in high school.

But in reality she's really easy.

Volun-tarily.

She's petite with long eye-lashes and very feminine—the type guys go for.

She's about 5 feet tall only.

I'm 5 feet 3 inches tall.

Momo (actor only).

I also got three letters confessing that they act just like Sae. But from what I read, I don't think you guys actually act like her. It takes a lot of courage to realize that you are acting immoral and "come out" as a Sae. That's much better than people who don't realize they are hurting others.

COMING SOON IN

Peach Girl™

When the truth of Sae and Toji's "practice" kiss is revealed, Momo finally loses it—she's too mad to be heartbroken! Of course, Kiley shows up to shine some light on the situation, and Momo's anger is replaced with tears of...what? Regret? Confusion? Just when she's ready to hide in the shadows forever, Sae sneakily volunteers Momo to compete in the school swim meet, representing their class in every single event! Then Sae enlists some girls to sabotage Momo in the meanest way possible right before the big event. Now Momo is at the breaking point! Lucky for her, Kiley has a plan to help her. Does it involve Toji? Will it work? Find out if Sae keeps the upperhand in *PEACH GIRL*, Volume 3!

Is there any way to avoid falling victim to her again?
Even if we stay away from her she always knows who we're going out with.
But this Sae may follow you anywhere.
Ha Ha!
You'll have to live your life far far away from her.
But new guys who become friends with her don't know how she really is.
I'm no longer friends with her.
That's what they say.
Poor girl.
I can't forgive how she'll do anything to steal guys!!
This Sae even slept with Kaiko's boyfriend!
I heard she got his number and made him chocolates for Valentine's Day.
It looks like Sae is planning to steal this one too.
Kaiko recently got a new boyfriend.
Even got a response.
Why?! It's my book, so why did you send a letter?!
This book is awesome so I wrote a fan letter!
?!!
VICTIM 6
She borrowed my manga and...
This is about my best friend.
Finally, here's a mini-Sae.
Happiness is different for each person, so you need to find out what makes you happy.
Same with love. Those who confess their feelings win. But you shouldn't just do whatever you want and hurt others.
You can, but then you'll become a Sae.
That's all for now, I'll continue this in Volume 3.
If I can get some extra pages again (laughs)!
See ya!
"We'll get some!"--Editor
The best revenge is to be happier than her.
I believe there's only one way to beat a Sae-type.
When I respond, I always feel bad for the friend.
But I guess you can't really blame the friend.
When it comes to fan letters, those who write them win!!
You can't get a response unless you write one.
I get a lot of these: "I borrowed your book from my friend and wrote a letter to you."
I'd rather you buy your own copy!